

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of Claims**

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending. Claim 1 is independent. Claims 2, 11 and 12-16 have been cancelled.

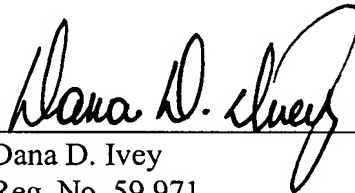
**II. Allowed Claims**

Claims 1 and 3-10 are allowed over the art of record. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1 and 3-10 are allowed. Accordingly, to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 12-16 so that this application can be issued with the allowed claims 1 and 3-10.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the above, it is believed that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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